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Title: E-MAIL VIRUS PROTECTION SYSTEM)
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**REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION
AND RESTARTING OF TIME PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed October 23, 2003, the Applicants, through undersigned counsel, respectfully request that a new Office Action be mailed and that the time period for response be restarted to begin with the mailing date of such new Office Action.

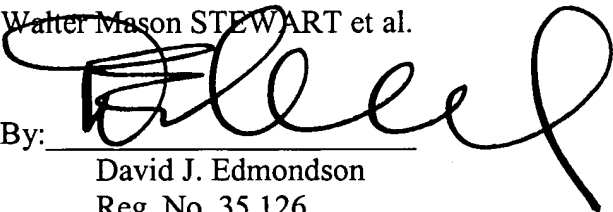
On the cover sheet of the Final Rejection, it is indicated that claims 42 and 43 are objected to. However, the body of the Final Rejection does not mention those claims and in particular does not set forth any ground of objection. Therefore, the Applicants are not put on notice of the reason for the objection and cannot respond thereto.

The date that was one month after the mailing date of the Final Rejection was November 23, 2003, which was a Sunday. Since the present Request is filed on the first business day thereafter, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present Request is timely.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully request a new Office Action and a restarting of the time period for response.

Respectfully submitted,

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